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ASSEMBLING HISTORY: THE RIVER BEFORE THE DAM COLLECTION



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Assembling History: The Big Horn River Before the Dam Collection
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Finding Aid

Description:

This collection consists of historic movies, photographs, journals and oral histories depicting life along the Bighorn River prior to and during the building of the Yellowtail Dam. Construction on the Yellowtail Dam began in 1961 and the last bucket of concrete was placed in the dam during October 1965. The collection focuses on three particular themes: The stories of life along the Bighorn River, the building of the Yellowtail Dam, and the work of Eddy Hulbert, a silversmith who worked at the Hillsboro.

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Acquisition:

This collection was developed through a CESU agreement between the University of Montana and Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.

Processing:

This collection was processed and cataloged at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area by Cindy Hagen in 2013 and completed by Danielle Peck In 2014.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series I: Collections
- Series II: Project Files 2010-2013
- Series III: Project Report 2011-2013

Extent:

This collection totals 4 LF.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

Collection: BICA 214

Collection Title: ASSEMBLING HISTORY: THE BIG HORN RIVER BEFORE THE DAM

Catalog No: BICA 5400

Accession No: BICA-00210

Inclusive Dates: 1913-2013

Bulk Dates: 1960-2011

History:

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area visitor centers are located at both Fort Smith, MT and Lovell, WY. Visitors have shared stories of their experiences recreating and living along the Bighorn River and about the building of the Yellowtail Dam with park rangers over the years. No concerted effort had occurred to document these stories for posterity prior to this project.

The Bighorn River has had a history of adventure. In 1825, Jim Bridger person to [navigate](#) the river through Bighorn Canyon, and later spoke of rugged canyons, of rivers forming jagged rocks between lofty overhanging precipices. Doc Barry realized the recreational potential of Bighorn Canyon and began actively recruiting tourists to his Cedarvale/Hillsboro Ranch. Eddy Hulbert worked on Doc's boats and became known as a talented silversmith selling spurs and belt buckles to Dryhead residents and through catalogs. The park has acquired a few samples of his work, and has restored his house and blacksmith shop at the Hillsboro Ranch.

In 1944, the United States government announced formal plans to pursue a large, multi-purpose dam on the Crow Reservation, at the mouth of Bighorn Canyon, as part of the Pick-Sloan Plan. Between 1944 and 1958, tribal leaders from the Crow Tribe opposed the federal government's ability to condemn tribal lands, debated what constituted fair compensation for the water-power rights to the Bighorn River, and above all attempted to protect the sovereignty of the Crow Tribe. An agreement was reached in 1956 with the Crow Tribe, although legal proceedings were not complete until 1963. In addition, communities, such as Kane, WY had their lands purchased or condemned by the Bureau of Reclamation and forced to relocate.

On April 24, 1961, the Bureau awarded the main contract for the construction of the dam which continued until October 1965. At the height of activity, the Yellowtail jobsite employed more than 700 workers. For some, the opportunity to build the dam was an adventure—one that paid well, offered excitement, and influenced their lives for years to come. For others, the experience building the Yellowtail was a decidedly negative experience, one filled with back-straining labor, unyielding bosses, and life-threatening situations.

This project has taken the time to collect the stories of some of the individuals who lived, worked, and adventured along the Bighorn River prior to and during the building of the

Yellowtail Dam. The items collected through this project by no way represent all of the stories but give a small window into the rich and tumultuous history of life along the Bighorn River.

Scope:

This collection consists of historic movies, photographs, journals and oral histories depicting life along the Bighorn River prior to and during the building of the Yellowtail Dam. The collection focuses on three particular themes: The stories of life along the Bighorn River, the building of the Yellowtail Dam, and the work of Eddy Hulbert, a silversmith who worked at the Hillsboro. This collection contains items dating from 1913-2013.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series I: Collections
- Series II: Project Files 2010-2013
- Series III: Project Report 2011-2013

Provenance:

This collection was created by students from the University of Montana and staff at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area to preserve the history of the Yellowtail Dam and life along the Bighorn River before the building of the dam. Contents were gathered from 45 different subseries though oral histories, journals, historic videos footage and old photographs.

Finding Aid:

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Assembling History Collection LVL CTRL, FILE UNIT

Extent:

This collection totals 4 LF.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Collection/Series: BICA 214/001

Series Title: COLLECTIONS

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1913-2013 **Bulk Dates:** 1960-2011

Scope: This series contains 45 subseries with oral interviews, photographs and historic videos, related to the construction of the Yellowtail Dam, floating the Bighorn River, and life along the Bighorn River prior to the construction of the Yellowtail Dam.

Arrangement: The series is arranged into 45 subseries:

- Subseries 1: Aldrich, Greg
- Subseries 2: Bader, Greg
- Subseries 3: Bond, Henry
- Subseries 4: Bond, Ralph Jr.
- Subseries 5: Bonds, Russell
- Subseries 6: Bott, William
- Subseries 7: Brosz, Bill
- Subseries 8: Brown, Bill
- Subseries 9: Caton, Joe
- Subseries 10: Davis, Jim
- Subseries 11: Dillon, Clive
- Subseries 12: Drake, Melvin
- Subseries 13: Edgar, Gene
- Subseries 14: Ellingson, Harold
- Subseries 15: Estes, Vernon
- Subseries 16: Frame Brothers
- Subseries 17: Fredrickson, Ellen
- Subseries 18: Goller, Don and Ruth
- Subseries 19: Greene
- Subseries 20: Hamilton and Ringley
- Subseries 21: Hartung, Charles
- Subseries 22: Hauptman and Guay
- Subseries 23: Hoffman, Dutch
- Subseries 24: Ingraham, John
- Subseries 25: Kipp, Ronald
- Subseries 26: Kormylo, Jean
- Subseries 27: Maxwell, Mary
- Subseries 28: Meeker, Wes
- Subseries 29: Morgan, Larry

- Subseries 30: Morrison-Knutsen Company, Inc.
- Subseries 31: Olsen, Glen
- Subseries 32: Pearson, Jack
- Subseries 33: Pease, Bernard
- Subseries 34: Rose, Roberta “Yellowtail”
- Subseries 35: Sherman, LaDonna
- Subseries 36: Sloan and Sanders
- Subseries 37: Snively, Howard
- Subseries 38: St. John, Claude
- Subseries 39: Stanton, Harold
- Subseries 40: Warner, Jerry
- Subseries 41: Watts, Montana
- Subseries 42: Card, John and George
- Subseries 43: Downs
- Subseries 44: Olson, Ray
- Subseries 45: Narvick, Louise

Provenance: Collection was created by students from the University of Montana and staff at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area to preserve the history of the Yellowtail Dam and Life along the Big Horn River before the Dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.01
Subseries Title: ALDRICH, GREG

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Greg Aldrich for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.01

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: ALDRICH, GREG - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Greg Aldrich for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence maybe included.

Series No: 1.01

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: ALDRICH, GREG - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Greg Aldrich by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on June 9, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Aldrich grew up in Billings, Montana. His father purchased the Hillsboro Ranch in the Bighorn Canyon and Aldrich visited silversmith Eddie Hulbert several times a year at his home in the Bighorn.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.02
Subseries Title: BADER, GREG

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Greg Bader for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.02

File Unit: 1

Dates:

Title: BADER, GREG - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Greg Bader for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence maybe included.

Series No: 1.02

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: BADER, GREG - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Greg Bader by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on September 14, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Greg Bader moved to Hardin in 1961 when his father became the business manager for Morrison Knudsen on the Yellowtail project. He recounted the adjustments he made as an adolescent in moving from Alabama to Hardin and how after a life of moving, he still considers Hardin his home. He relates the attitude of local residents towards dam employees and their families.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.03
Subseries Title: BOND, HENRY

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Henry Bond for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.03

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: BOND, HENRY - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Henry Bond for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.03

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: BOND, HENRY - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Henry Bond by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on May 25, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Henry Bond served as district ranger in the Pedro district. He floated the Bighorn River in the summer of 1967 on an interagency trip.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.04
Subseries Title: BOND, RALPH JR.

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1955-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1955-2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, and photographs associated with Ralph Bond, Jr. for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.04

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: BOND, RALPH JR. - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Ralph Bond, Jr. for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.04

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: BOND, RALPH JR. - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Ralph Bond, Jr. by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 30, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Ralph Bond, Jr. floated the Bighorn River in the 1950s with several friends from the Conoco refinery in Dillon. He mentions that the trip was over Labor Day and many of their co-workers teased them, saying they might not return. The trip, however, turned out to go rather smoothly. Mr. Bond provided copies of the photos from his trip to the National Park Service.

Series No: 1.04

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1955

Title: BOND, RALPH JR. - PHOTOGRAPHS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains contact sheets and reprints of photographs from digital files from Ralph Bond, Jr. of his river boat trip, Labor Day weekend 1955. The file unit contains a compact disk with digital photographs.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.05
Subseries Title: BONDS, RUSSELL

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1951-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1951 - 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence and photographs from Russell Bonds for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.05

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: BONDS, RUSSELL - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains National Park Service notes about Russell Bonds and the donated photographs.

Series No: 1.05

File Unit: 2

Dates: 1951-1952

Title: BONDS, RUSSELL - PHOTOGRAPHS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains photographs donated by Russell Bonds of the Smithsonian Expedition down the Bighorn River, 1951-1952.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.06

Subseries Title: BOTT, WILBUR

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Wilbur Bott for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units

Series No: 1.06

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: BOTT, WILBUR - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Wilbur Bott for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.06

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: BOTT, WILBUR - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Wilbur Bott by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on August 24, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Wilbur Bott grew up in Custer, MT, thirty miles north of Hardin. As a kid, Bott spent time fishing in the Bighorn Canyon, and as an adult worked as a surveyor for the Bureau of Reclamation during the construction of the Yellowtail Dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.07

Subseries Title: BROSZ, BILL

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Bill Brosz for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.07

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: BROSZ, BILL - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Bill Brosz for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.07

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: BROSZ, BILL - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Bill Brosz by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 27, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Bill Brosz grew up in Billings, MT, and started working for M-K Construction on the Yellowtail Dam following his graduation from high school in 1964. One of the youngest workers on the dam, Brosz detailed several of his work experiences on the project.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.08

Subseries Title: BROWN, BILL

Accession: BICA-00214

Catalog No: BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011

Bulk Dates: 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Bill Brown for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.08

File Unit: 1

Dates:

Title: BROWN, BILL - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit currently does not contain any documents as of 12/2013

Series No: 1.08

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: BROWN, BILL - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Bill Brown by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on August 21, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. William "Bill" Brown, from Billings, MT, took a float trip through the Bighorn Canyon with the Exchange Club of Billings, immediately before the construction of the Yellowtail Dam. He recounts several remembrances of this trip, as well as later trips to the Recreation Area following damming of the Bighorn.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.09
Subseries Title: CATON, JOE

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Joe Caton for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.09

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: CATON, JOE - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Joe Caton for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.09

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: CATON, JOE - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Joe Caton by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 29, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Joe Caton first floated the Bighorn River in 1959. He recalled fishing River with his father before the dam was erected and discussed changes in River over time. He writes a fishing column for the Bighorn County News.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.10
Subseries Title: DAVIS, JIM

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1960-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1960 -2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, and photographs associated with Jim Davis for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.10

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: DAVIS, JIM - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed loan agreement by Jim Davis for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.10

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: DAVIS, JIM - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Jim Davis by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on August 29, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Jim Davis floated River with his family and a friend in 1960 over three days. It was during peak irrigation season, and Mr. Davis recalled swimming in River and developing a rash, probably from some kind of chemical runoff. Mr. Davis shared slides from his trip.

Series No: 1.10

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1960

Title: DAVIS, JIM - PHOTOGRAPHS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a contact sheet and reprints of 35mm slides from digital files from Jim Davis of his river boat trip with his family, 1960.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.11
Subseries Title: DILLON, CLIVE

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Clive Dillon for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.11

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: DILLON, CLIVE - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Clive Dillon for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.11

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: DILLON, CLIVE - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT**Summary Notes:**

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Clive Dillon by Jon Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on May 24, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Clive Dillon worked on the Yellowtail Dam as an electrician. He shared his insights of working on the dam for a variety of contractors in some dangerous jobs. He also recalled floating the river in the 1950s.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.12
Subseries Title: DRAKE, MELVIN

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Melvin Drake for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.12

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: DRAKE, MELVIN - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Melvin Drake for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.12

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: DRAKE, MELVIN - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Melvin Drake by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 30, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Melvin Drake, from Helena, MT, worked on the construction of the Yellowtail Dam for the Bureau of Reclamation as a surveyor and high-scalar. In the early 1970s, Drake returned to work at the completed dam in the maintenance department.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.13
Subseries Title: EDGAR, GENE

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Gene Edgar for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.13

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: EDGAR, GENE - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains signed informed consent forms by Gene Edgar and LaVerne Edgar for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.13

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: EDGAR, GENE - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Gene Edgar, LaVerne Edgar, and Sally Kleinkopf by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on June 10, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. From Billings, MT, Gene Edgar worked as a crane oiler on the Yellowtail Dam construction site. He described his experiences building the dam, including a dangerous crane accident that nearly cost him his life.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.14

Subseries Title: ELLINGSON, HAROLD

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1961-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1961-2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, and an autobiography associated with Harold Ellingson for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.14

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: ELLINGSON, HAROLD - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Harold Ellingson for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.14

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: ELLINGSON, HAROLD - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Harold Ellingson by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on May 24, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Harold Ellingson began with the Bureau of Reclamation in Hardin, MT in May 1962. From there, he embarked on a career that took him from Alaska to Brazil in a variety of capacities both as a government employee and a private contractor.

Series No: 1.14

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1961-2011

Title: ELLINGSON, HAROLD - AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a copy of an autobiography by Harold Ellingson.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.15
Subseries Title: ESTES, VERNON

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, and photographs associated with Vernon Estes for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.15

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: ESTES, VERNON - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Vernon Estes for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.15

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: ESTES, VERNON - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Vernon Estes by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on May 23, 2011. The file unit also contains

a transcription of the interview. Vern Estes is a collector of Western Memorabilia, particularly the work of Eddy Hulbert. His collection includes a belt, a pair of earrings, and spurs as well as other objects.

Series No: 1.15

File Unit: 3

Dates: 2011

Title: ESTES, VERNON - PHOTOGRAPHS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a contact sheet and prints from digital files of items from Vern Estes' Eddy Hulbert collection.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.16
Subseries Title: FRAME BROTHERS

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1933-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1933-2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, photographs, and a map associated with the Frame Brothers for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.16

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: FRAME BROTHERS - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains signed informed consent forms by Dave Frame, Hugh Frame, Ralph Frame, Thomas Frame, and Warren Frame for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.16

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: FRAME BROTHERS - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with the Frame Brothers (Dave Frame, Hugh Frame, Ralph Frame, Thomas Frame, and Warren Frame) by Jonathan Hall and Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on April 27, 2011. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Ralph, Tom, Hugh, Dave, and Warren Frame grew up along the Bighorn River during the 1930s after their family lost their homestead during the Depression. They talk of the numerous adventures they had along the river growing up on "thousands and thousands of acre of play land," and how their parents raised a garden and traded

furs to make a living. They remained in the area until 1952. They also shared several photos and maps.

Series No: 1.16

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1933-2011

Title: FRAME BROTHERS - PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains contact sheets and reprints of photographs from digital files from the Frame Brothers from their life on the Bighorn River. This file unit also contains a map: "Frame's on the Bighorn River 1933 to 1953," drawn by Ralph Frame, 1996.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.17

Subseries Title: FREDRICKSON, ELLEN

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Ellen Fredrickson for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.17

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: FREDRICKSON, ELLEN - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Ellen Fredrickson for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.17

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: FREDRICKSON, ELLEN - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Ellen Fredrickson by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 27, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Ellen Marcus Fredrickson moved to Hardin when she was in high school before moving to Fort Smith the following year. Her father, W. E. Marcus, worked as engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation on the Yellowtail Dam. Mrs. Fredrickson recalled the great diversity in Hardin and the long bus ride to school with "the dam kids on the dam bus."

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.18

Subseries Title: GOLLER, DON AND RUTH

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1960-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1960-2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, and photographs associated with Don and Ruth Goller for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.18

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: GOLLER, DON AND RUTH - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains signed informed consent forms by Don Golfer and Ruth Goller for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. This file unit also contains an incoming loan agreement and license agreement as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.18

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: GOLLER, DON AND RUTH - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Don and Ruth Goller by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on May 21, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Don and Ruth Goller both worked on the Yellowtail Dam. Don Goller started as a laborer and eventually became an operations engineer and ran a locomotive. He recalled making more money on the dam than at any other time in his life. Ruth Goller worked in the Bureau of Reclamation office.

Series No: 1.18

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1960-1966

Title: GOLLER, DON AND RUTH - PHOTOGRAPHS, NEWSPAPERS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a contact sheet and reprints of photographs from digital files from Don and Ruth Goller of the dam in progress. This file unit also contains a copy of an insert to the Hardin Tribune Herald dated October 12, 1961, titled "Yellowtail First Year," containing articles and information about the first year of construction of the Yellowtail Dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.19

Subseries Title: GREENE

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1931-1950 **Bulk Dates:** 1931-2011

Scope: This subseries contains digital copies of the Green Expedition Float trip and ephemera associate with the trip.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.19

File Unit: 1

Dates:

Title: GREENE - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit currently does not contain any documents as of 12/2013

Series No: 1.19

File Unit: 2

Dates: 1949

Title: GREENE - FLOAT TRIP

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a digital copy of the Greene Expedition float trip.

Series No: 1.19

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1931-1950

Title: GREENE - EPHEMERA

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains an original poster produced to advertise the movie made of an expedition through Bighorn Canyon in 1949. This file unit also contains newspaper clippings from August 23, 1931 from the Billings Gazette, Second Section: "Wyoming Adventurer Writes of Perilous Boat Trip Down Great Canyon of Big Horn River" by William Greene.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.20

Subseries Title: HAMILTON AND RINGLEY

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1960-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1960-2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, photographs, and a manuscript associated with Hamilton and Ringley for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into four file units.

Series No: 1.20

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: HAMILTON AND RINGLEY - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Jim Hamilton for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. This file unit also contains a license agreement signed by Tom Ringley and Jim Hamilton as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.20

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: HAMILTON AND RINGLEY - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Jim Hamilton, Tom Ringley, and Marge Hamilton by Jonathan Hall and Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 28, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Jim Hamilton, from Decker, MT, and Tom Ringley, from Big Horn, WY, floated the Bighorn River through the Bighorn Canyon in 1959 and 1960. They told numerous stories about these float trips, including fishing expeditions, seeing wrecked boats along the way, and visiting abandoned gold mines in the canyon.

Series No: 1.20

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1960

Title: HAMILTON AND RINGLEY - PHOTOGRAPHS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains contact sheets and prints of 35mm slides from digital files from Jim Hamilton and Tom Ringley from their trip down the Bighorn River in 1960.

Series No: 1.20

File Unit: 4

Dates: 1960

Title: HAMILTON AND RINGLEY - BUCKIN' THE BIG HORN MANUSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a copy of a manuscript "Buckin' the Big Horn," written by James S. Hamilton, Jr. and Thomas L. Ringley. Excerpt: "Though a few parties have traversed this seventy-mile-long gash in the earth, it affords the adventurer the unique opportunity of experiencing the isolation and the sense of penetrating the wilderness that confronted the earliest explorers of the Wyoming-Montana territory."

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.21
Subseries Title: HARTUNG, CHARLES

Accession: BICA-00214

Catalog No: BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011

Bulk Dates: 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Charles Hartung for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.21

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: HARTUNG, CHARLES - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Charles Hartung for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.21

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: HARTUNG, CHARLES - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Charles Hartung by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 30, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Charles Hartung, from Billings, MT, grew up on a farm outside of Hardin, MT. Hartung's brother Adam was one of four men killed in an accident during the construction of the Yellowtail Dam. Hartung shared several stories about his brother, including his concerns about the safety of men working on the construction site.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.22
Subseries Title: HAUPTMAN AND GUAY

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1956-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1956-2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, and memorabilia associated with George Guay and Charles Hauptman for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into four file units.

Series No: 1.22

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: HAUPTMAN AND GUAY - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains signed informed consent forms by Charles Hauptman and George Guay for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. This file unit also contains three signed incoming loan agreements. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.22

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: HAUPTMAN AND GUAY - HAUPTMAN ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Charles Hauptman by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on June 10, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Chuck Hauptman, from Billings, MT, was a geologist who explored the Pryor Mountains surrounding the Bighorn Canyon for uranium during the 1950s. Additionally, Hauptman described his experiences as part of a Billings Geological Society field trip down the Bighorn River in 1961.

Series No: 1.22

File Unit: 3

Dates: 2011

Title: HAUPTMAN AND GUAY - HAUPTMAN AND GUAY ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with George Guay and Charles Hauptman by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on June 11, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. George Guay and Chuck Hauptman, both of Billings, MT, were geologists and uranium miners in the Pryor Mountains near the Bighorn Canyon in the 1950s. They told stories of their mining exploits and experiences in nearby towns such as Warren, MT and Lovell, WY.

Series No: 1.22

File Unit: 4

Dates: 1956-1983

Title: HAUPTMAN AND GUAY - PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARTICLES

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains copies of newspaper clippings associated with uranium mining in the Pryor Mountains and Bighorn Canyon. This file unit also contains reproductions of scrapbook pages depicting uranium mining in the Pryor Mountains, Planet Exploration Corporation, January 1959.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.23
Subseries Title: HOFFMAN, DUTCH

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: According to Jon Hall, interview was never completed. This subseries is a placeholder

only.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.24
Subseries Title: INGRAHAM, JOHN

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with John Ingraham for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.24

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: INGRAHAM, JOHN - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by John Ingraham for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.24

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: INGRAHAM, JOHN - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with John Ingraham by Jon Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 30, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. John Ingraham and his family worked on dams throughout the West. He relates stories of working on Libby Dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.25
Subseries Title: KIPP, RONALD

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence and a video from Ronald Kipp about a float trip down the Big Horn River as collected during the Assembling History: The Big Horn River Before the Dam project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.25

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: KIPP, RONALD - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains an incoming loan agreement.

Series No: 1.25

File Unit: 2

Dates:

Title: KIPP, RONALD - VIDEO

Summary Notes:

This file unit does not contain any items as of 12/2013.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.26
Subseries Title: KORMYLO, JEAN

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Jean Kormylo for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.26

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: KORMYLO, JEAN - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Jean Kormylo for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.26

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: KORMYLO, JEAN - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Jean Kormylo by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on August 9, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Jean Marcus Kormylo moved to Hardin when she was in the seventh grade before moving to Fort Smith the following year. Her father, W. E. Marcus, worked as engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation on the Yellowtail Dam. Mrs. Kormylo recalled riding the "dam bus" to Hardin and discussed social life of kids in the area.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.27
Subseries Title: MAXWELL, MARY

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Mary Maxwell for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.27

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: MAXWELL, MARY - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Mary Maxwell for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.27

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: MAXWELL, MARY - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Mary Maxwell by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on August 20, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Mary Maxwell grew up in the local area where the Yellowtail Dam now stands.

Collection/Series: BICA 215/1.28

Subseries Title: MEEKER, WES

Accession: BICA-00215 **Catalog No:** BICA 5409

Inclusive Dates: 1965-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1965-2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, photographs, and documents associated with Wes Meeker for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.28

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: MEEKER, WES - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Wes Meeker for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as an incoming loan agreement. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.28

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: MEEKER, WES - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Wes Meeker by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on May 23, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Wes Meeker served as cook on the official last float trip on the Bighorn River of local officials from Lovell, the National Park Service, the US Forest Service, and other agencies. He also discusses his early visits to the Bighorn River for fishing.

Series No: 1.28

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1965

Title: MEEKER, WES - PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a contact sheet and reprints of photographs from digital files from Wes Meeker of the official last float trip on the Bighorn River. This file unit also contains copies of documents and published articles related to the last float trip.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.29
Subseries Title: MORGAN, LARRY

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Larry Morgan for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.29

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: MORGAN, LARRY - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Larry Morgan for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.29

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: MORGAN, LARRY - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Larry Morgan by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 30, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Larry Morgan worked for the Bureau of Reclamation during the construction of the Yellowtail Dam. Primarily an accountant, Morgan retold stories of experiences during the construction of the dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.30
Subseries Title: MORRISON KNUITSEN COMPANY, INC.

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408
Inclusive Dates: 1961-1966 **Bulk Dates:** 1961-1966
Scope: This subseries contains a digital and VHS copy of the Morrison-Knutson Company, Inc. video "Buildup on the Bighorn." The video describes the building of the Yellowtail Dam.
Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into one file unit.

Series No: 1.30
File Unit: 1
Dates: 1961-1966
Title: MORRISON KNUITSEN COMPANY, INC. - BUILD UP ON THE BIGHORN VIDEO

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a digital copy as well as a VHS copy of the Morrison-Knutson Company, Inc. video "Buildup on the Bighorn." The video describes the building of the Yellowtail Dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.31
Subseries Title: OLSEN, GLEN

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408
Inclusive Dates: 2011, no date **Bulk Dates:** 2011
Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews and transcripts associated with Glen Olsen for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.31
File Unit: 1
Dates: 2011
Title: OLSEN, GLEN - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Glen Olsen for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.31
File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: OLSEN, GLEN - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Glen Olsen by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on May 21, 2011. Glen Olsen, a former Mayor of Lovell, worked as a sawyer clearing vegetation and timber in the summer of 1964 for McKee Constructors. He recounted the process of cutting the timber, piling it up and later burning. He remembered that once their work was deep in the canyon, a helicopter was required to transfer them to and from work.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.32
Subseries Title: PEARSON, JACK

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Jack Pearson for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.32

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: PEARSON, JACK - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Jack Pearson for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.32

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: PEARSON, JACK - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Jack Pearson and Jeff Pearson by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on May 24, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Jack Pearson of Lovell, Wyoming, floated the Bighorn River three times in the late 1940s and early 1950s. He discusses how unprepared he and his friends were on the first trip. They capsized near Black Canyon and eventually made their way to Saint Xavier where a caretaker tended to them. Mr. Pearson also showed slides from his last trip through the canyon in 1953 or 1954.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.33
Subseries Title: PEASE, BERNARD

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Bernard Pease for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.33

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: PEASE, BERNARD - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Bernard Pease for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.33

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: PEASE, BERNARD - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Bernard Pease by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on June 9, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. From Billings, MT, Bernard Pease (and friends) explored the Bighorn Canyon in the years before the construction of the Yellowtail Dam. Pease recounts many of these stories, including a harrowing hunting trip in the 1940s that made national headlines due to his group's narrow escape from a winter storm while on the river.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.34

Subseries Title: ROSE, ROBERTA "YELLOWTAIL"

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Roberta "Yellowtail" Rose for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.34

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: ROSE, ROBERTA "YELLOWTAIL" - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Roberta "Yellowtail" Rose for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.34

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: ROSE, ROBERTA "YELLOWTAIL" - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Roberta "Yellowtail" Rose by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 30, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Roberta "Yellowtail" Rose was a granddaughter of Robert Yellowtail. She remembers him as a strong public speaker, a storyteller, and as a strong advocate of Crow causes. In spite of his opposition to the dam, she says that "in the end I think he kind of enjoyed seeing Yellowtail Dam, but he would never tell you that."

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.35
Subseries Title: SHERMAN, LADONNA

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1958-2011 **Bulk Dates:** 1958-2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, transcripts, and a slide show from LaDonna Sherman for the Assembling History: The Big Horn River Before the Dam project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into three file units.

Series No: 1.35

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: SHERMAN, LADONNA - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed license agreement, incoming load agreement, and deed of gift from LaDonna Sherman for digital copies of 35mm slides and audio. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.35

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: SHERMAN, LADONNA - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Dale Sherman and LaDonna Sherman by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on August 27, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Mrs. Sherman recalls her father's career on the dam and also discusses the slide show on the dam that her mother presented to the

Billings Camera Club on the Yellowtail Dam. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman also speak about how much they have enjoyed floating on the lake over the years.

Series No: 1.35

File Unit: 3

Dates: 1958-1966

Title: SHERMAN, LADONNA - BUILDING OF A DAM SLIDESHOW

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains contact sheets and prints of 35mm slides from digital files from LaDonna Sherman of a slide show "Building of a Dam - Yellowtail." This file unit also contains a compact disc containing a digitization of the reel-to-reel audio tracks of the slide show of the construction of the Yellowtail Dam and various photography trips with the Billings Camera Club.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.36

Subseries Title: SLOAN AND SANDERS

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Michael Sloan and Dennis Sanders for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.36

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: SLOAN AND SANDERS - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains signed informed consent forms by Michael Sloan and Dennis Sanders for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.36

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: SLOAN AND SANDERS - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Michael "Monk" Sloan and Dennis Sanders by Jon Hall and Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 31, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Monk Sloan, originally from Miles City, worked as a driller on the Yellowtail Dam in 1961. He discussed his experiences there and how his work in Yellowtail led to opportunities to work on dams in Asia. Dennis Sanders served as the official

photographer for the Bureau of Reclamation. He relates stories about his job and also describes some of his photos. Both men were interviewed at the Big Horn County Museum in Hardin.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.37
Subseries Title: SNIVELY, HOWARD

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Howard Snively for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.37

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: SNIVELY, HOWARD - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Howard Snively for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.37

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: SNIVELY, HOWARD - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Howard Snively and Mrs. Snively by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 30, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Harold Snively worked as a carpenter and welder on the Yellowtail Dam and also ranched in Hardin. Generally, he ran cows during the day and worked second shift on the dam. He and his wife recalled a special square dance on the dam to commemorate its completion.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.38
Subseries Title: ST. JOHN, CLAUDE

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1913-1963 **Bulk Dates:** 1913-1963

Scope: This subseries contains a copy of a diary of Claude St. John. This file unit also contains a copy of a letter to Mrs. St. John from the Historical Society of Montana regarding the diary.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into one file unit.

Series No: 1.38

File Unit: 1

Dates: 1913, 1963

Title: ST. JOHN, CLAUDE - DIARY OF THE RIVER BOAT TRIP**Summary Notes:**

This file unit contains a copy of a diary of Claude St. John, "This is a true narrative of a journey made by Clude St. John and Bert Smith, in a boat from Trail Creek on the Big Horn River, Montana, to New Orleans. To their knowledge, they are the first ones ever to have made such a voyage It is written in diary form, as Claude wrote it on the trip." This file unit also contains a copy of a letter to Mrs. St. John from the Historical Society of Montana regarding the diary.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.39
Subseries Title: STANTON, HAROLD

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Harold Stanton for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.39

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: STANTON, HAROLD - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Harold Stanton for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Series No: 1.39

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: STANTON, HAROLD - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Harold Stanton by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 29, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Harold Stanton, from Hardin, MT, was a prominent lawyer and former owner of a marina on the Bighorn River. In his interview, Stanton recounted a variety of stories, from the geologic history of the region to his role and knowledge on the Yellowtail Dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.4
Subseries Title: WARNER, JERRY

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Jerry Warner for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.4

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: WARNER, JERRY - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Jerry Warner for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project as well as additional correspondence.

Series No: 1.4

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: WARNER, JERRY - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Jerry Warner by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 30, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview. Jerry Warner worked as a surveyor for the Bureau of Reclamation on the dam in 1961. He spoke of living in a government camp and making his own entertainment. He also recalled the day of the accident when four iron workers plunged from a cable car and discussed other accidents on the job site.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.41
Subseries Title: WATTS, MONTANA

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011 **Bulk Dates:** 2011

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, oral interviews, and transcripts associated with Montana Watts for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.41

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2011

Title: WATTS, MONTANA - RELEASE FORMS, CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed consent form by Montana Watts for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.41

File Unit: 2

Dates: 2011

Title: WATTS, MONTANA - ORAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSCRIPT

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Montana Watts by Shawn Bailey for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on June 9, 2011. This file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Montana Watts was from Billings, MT. Along with her husband, Watts found employment with M-K Construction during the building of the Yellowtail Dam. She worked in the office for M-K, and told many stories about life on the jobsite and in Fort Smith, MT.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.42
Subseries Title: CARD, JOHN AND GEORGE

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1959-2010 **Bulk Dates:** Journal-1959-2010

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence and reproductions of John and George Card's journal from a 1959 river trip.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.42

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2010

Title: CARD, JOHN AND GEORGE - CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains notes from a phone conversation with John Card the week prior to Jan 28, 2010 about a 1959 river boat trip from Kane, WY to New Orleans, LA, by John and George Card. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.42

File Unit: 2

Dates: 1959

Title: CARD, JOHN AND GEORGE - JOURNAL

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains reproductions of John and George Card's journal during their 1959 river trip from Kane to New Orleans. This file unit also contains a reproduction of a photograph of a belt buckle made by Eddy Hulbert presented to George and John by the Lovell Chamber of Commerce upon their return from New Orleans. This file unit also contains a complete, type-written account of the journey produced in 2010.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.43
Subseries Title: DOWNS COLLECTION

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 1957-2013 **Bulk Dates:** 1957-2013

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence and media associated with Allan Downs for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.43

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2013

Title: DOWNS - CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed license agreement by Dale Madson for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.43

File Unit: 2

Dates: 1957

Title: DOWNS - MEDIA

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a DVD "Battling the Big Horn" for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project from 1957. This film was by Dr. Allan W. Downs of his trip floating down the Bighorn River before the dam starting August 9th, 1957.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.44
Subseries Title: OLSON COLLECTION

Accession: BICA-00214

Catalog No: BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: unknown-2013

Bulk Dates: 2013

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence, photographs, a newspaper article and media associated with Ray Olson for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into two file units.

Series No: 1.44

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2013

Title: OLSON - CORRESPONDENCE

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a signed informed license agreement by Loretta Bischoff for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project. Additional correspondence may be included.

Series No: 1.44

File Unit: 2

Dates: Unknown

Title: OLSON, RAY - MEDIA

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains 8 photographs of Ray Olson's trip down the Bighorn River, an narrative of his rivertrip from the Lovell Chronicle, and media from Olson's river trip.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/1.45
Subseries Title: NARVICK, LOUISE

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2013 **Bulk Dates:** 2013

Scope: This subseries contains an oral interview and transcript associated with Louise Narvick for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into one file units.

Series No: 1.45

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2013

Title: NARVICK, LOUISE - INTERVIEW

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains a recording of an interview with Louise Narvick by Jonathan Hall for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam Project on July 25, 2013. The file unit also contains a transcription of the interview; the transcription was done by John Robinson. Louise Narvick, from Deerlodge, MT worked at the Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center since 2008.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Collection/Series: BICA 214/002

Series Title: PROJECT FILE 2010-2013

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2010-2013 **Bulk Dates:** 2010-2013

Scope: Series II is separated into three subseries containing CESU agreements and documentation, correspondence and press releases.

Arrangement: The series is arranged into 3 subseries:

- Subseries 1: Project Files – CESU Agreements and Documentation
- Subseries 2: Project Files – Correspondence 2010-2013
- Subseries 3: Project Files – Press Releases

Provenance: Collection was created by students from the University of Montana and staff at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area to preserve the history of the Yellowtail Dam and Life along the Big Horn River before the Dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/2.01

Subseries Title: PROJECT FILES - CESU AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2010-2013 **Bulk Dates:** 2010-2013

Scope: This subseries contains agreements and documentation regarding the Cooperative Ecocystems Studies Unit (CESU) project between the Univeristy of Montana and Bighorn Canyon NRA from 2010-2013.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into one file units.

Series No: 2.01

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2010-2013

Title: PROJECT FILES - CESU AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains agreements and documentation regarding the Cooperative Ecocystems Studies Unit (CESU) project between the Univeristy of Montana and Bighorn Canyon NRA from 2010-2013.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/2.02

Subseries Title: PROJECT FILES - CORRESPONDENCE 2010-2013

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2010-2013 **Bulk Dates:** 2010-2013

Scope: This subseries contains correspondence regarding the Assembling History: River Before the Dam between project coordinators and National Park Service Staff.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into one file units.

Series No: 2.02

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2010-2013

Title: PROJECT FILES - CORRESPONDENCE 2010-2013

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains correspondence regarding the Assembling History: River Before the Dam between project coordinators and National Park Service Staff.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/2.03

Subseries Title: PROJECT FILES - PRESS RELEASES

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2010-2013 **Bulk Dates:** 2010-2013

Scope: This subseries contains press releases and promotion of the Assembling History: River Before the Dam project.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into one file unit.

Series No: 2.03 **File Unit:** 1

Dates: 2010-2013

Title: PROJECT FILES - PRESS RELEASES

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains press releases and promotion of the Assembling History: River Before the Dam project

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Collection/Series: BICA 214/003

Series Title: REPORTS

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2011-2013 **Bulk Dates:** 2011-2013

Scope: [Not available at the time of this draft, will be added in final document]

Arrangement: The series is arranged into two subseries:

- Subseries 1: Report – Final
- Subseries 2: Report – Draft

Provenance: Collection was created by students from the University of Montana and staff at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area to preserve the history of the Yellowtail Dam and Life along the Big Horn River before the Dam.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/3.01
Subseries Title: REPORT – FINAL

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2013 **Bulk Dates:**

Scope: This subseries contains the final report for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam project titled "A Symbol of Progress?: Memories of Bighorn Canyon and Yellowtail Dam" by Shawn Bailey and Jonathan Hall.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into one file unit.

Series No: 3.01

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2013

Title: REPORT - FINAL

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains the final report for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam project titled "A Symbol of Progress?: Memories of Bighorn Canyon and Yellowtail Dam" by Shawn Bailey and Jonathan Hall.

Collection/Series: BICA 214/3.02
Subseries Title: REPORT – DRAFTS

Accession: BICA-00214 **Catalog No:** BICA 5408

Inclusive Dates: 2012-2013 **Bulk Dates:** 2012-2013

Scope: This subseries contains the draft report with edits for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam project titled "A Symbol of Progress?: Memories of Bighorn Canyon and Yellowtail Dam" by Shawn Bailey and Jonathan Hall.

Arrangement: This subseries is arranged into one file unit.

Series No: 3.02

File Unit: 1

Dates: 2012

Title: REPORT - DRAFTS

Summary Notes:

This file unit contains the draft report with edits for the Assembling History: River Before the Dam project titled "A Symbol of Progress?: Memories of Bighorn Canyon and Yellowtail Dam" by Shawn Bailey and Jonathan Hall.